JACKIE'S TELL-ALL

Manuscript discovered in vault reveals:

★ Her own heartwrenching story of the day JFK died

★ Agony she hid for 31 years

★ Affair she had to spite Jack

ONE of Jackie O's most precious pieces of property never made it to Sotheby's auction block — a handwritten 400,000-word tell-all book that would rip the lid off Camelot.

In it, the former first lady reveals the heartbreaking story of the day President Kennedy was shot and the secret she kept hidden for nearly 31 years: How she was tortured until the day she died by the feeling that she could have saved JFK.

Word is the explosive diary — the missing link to Camelot that would reveal Jackie's most intimate secrets — is tucked away under John Jr.'s care.

In bone-chilling detail, sources say, Jackie describes the instant the first shot rang out in Dallas' Dealey Plaza on November 22, 1963, changing her life and the history of America.

"I heard these terrible noises," wrote Jackie, who was 34 at the time. "But my husband never made a sound when he was shot. He had this sort of quizzical look on his face and his hand was up. It must have been his left hand.

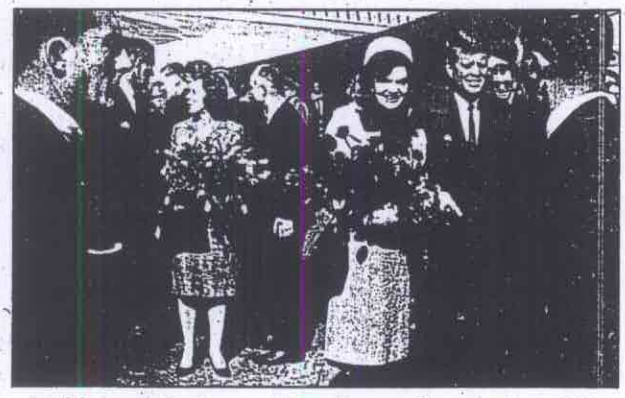
"I remember thinking he looked as if he had a slight headache. I remember seeing that — no blood or anything.

"He put his hand to his forehead and fell into my lap. I just remember falling on him and saying: 'Oh, no, no, no! Oh, my God, they've shot my husband!' "

Then, she says, she leaned down and whispered: "I love you, Jack."

But even more heartrending is how the former first lady reveals for the first time she was forever haunted by the thought that she could have saved her husband's life.

"If only I'd reacted more quickly to the first gunshot, he would still be alive," Jackie writes. "Instead of turning to my right and pushing his head down — like Texas Governor John Connally's wife, Nellie, did for him in the front seat — I turned the other way when I heard the shot."



Jackie and Jack are all smiles as they arrive at the airport on the fateful Texas trip. Below, Jackie tries to stay calm as Lyndon Johnson is sworn in

Jackie didn't think Oswald acted alone

Jackie penned the shocking manuscript during her lunch hours as an editor at Doubleday Publishing in Manhattan, reveals an insider.

A family friend reportedly spotted the manuscript — now estimated to be worth $5 million — and asked John-John's

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permission to keep it under her protection.

"Jackie never allowed anyone to see it," says a source close to the Doubleday staff. "She would sit at her desk while others were away at lunch and write."

One of the most shocking revelations is that she had a fling with a bodyguard. Tired of her husband's relentless womanizing, the long-suffering first lady decided to take revenge by having her own affair with the president's own Secret Service agent.

Jackie has also been linked romantically to other dashing figures, including Italian car magnate Gianni Agnelli, Washington jetsetter Walter Sohier and a wealthy Italian count.

Here are some of the other astonishing secrets revealed only in this manuscript:

■ On the catastrophic day of JFK's death, Jackie begged officials to allow her to keep Jack's blood-soaked jacket. They refused. "Amongst the chaos of his autopsy and amid her immense grief, Jackie was pushed to the side by officials," says the source.

■ She was also aware of the eerie presence of two CIA agents who not only disregarded Jackie's presence, but never left the coroner's side.

■ Jackie believed that those who directed the autopsy were not doctors. She nicknamed them "The Three Tramps" because of their rumpled, unprofessional appearance.

■ When Vice President Lyndon B. Johnson pulled the grieving widow into his arms, Jackie was horrified. Having never liked Johnson, she remained offended by him for years.

■ Jackie believed that Lee Harvey Oswald did not act alone. "She thought he was a pathetic little creature who was incapable of committing such a difficult crime," says our source.

Jack and Jackie had their happy times. Her last words to him were: "I love you"

Jackie writes that she wed Ari Onassis for the wrong reasons

"And she never believed a word produced by the Warren Commission."

■ The first lady even attempted to talk to Oswald's wife, Marina, in private, but was interrupted by Johnson and told not to approach her. Even brother-in-law Bobby discouraged Jackie from approaching Mrs. Oswald.

■ Later, Jackie would learn of a mysterious FBI tape-recording made at a Miami hotel of two agents named Miller and Somerset who very specifically discussed killing JFK "with a high-powered bullet from a tall building" just 13 days before the horrible assassination. The two later died mysteriously in a fire.

■ Jackie also attempted to make her own investigation of the mystifying disappearance of JFK's brain from the National Archives on October 30, 1966, but was once again denied access to any reports by both Bobby Kennedy and President Johnson. The brain has never been recovered. Instead, cotton wadding was put in its place. "But Jackie felt for years that the person responsible must have been one of 33 people who were present at JFK's autopsy," says our source. "The brain, of course, would reveal there were shots from another angle, which Jackie always felt there were."

■ Jackie found an unused bullet on Jack's stretcher at Parkland Hospital, where the dying president was rushed after the shooting. But the bullet was never seen again.

■ Jackie grieved over JFK's death and also suffered from a loss of status both publicly and within the Kennedy clan.

■ "Rose, Jack's martyred mom, grew more difficult as time went on. She never came to terms with her son's death and was haunted by visions of Jack," says our source.

■ Jackie, too, was visited frequently by Jack's ghost — usually in her bedroom after she married Ari Onassis. Jack told her she could not sleep with another man.

■ Her marriage to Ari was also marked with sadness, Jackie says, because she admits she married him to replace the money and status she lost when Jack died — not for love.

Jackie O's super-secret manuscript was read by only two Doubleday editors, says the insider.

"It's guaranteed to frighten some of the highest executives in government today," says the source close to the publishing world. "Its contents are highly explosive."

— *DIANA JOHNSON*

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